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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Great Lakes region

Interactive dialogue with the Secretariat, Mr. Berhanu Dinka, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, and Mr. Kamel Morjane, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/55/L.38 under item 20 (a)

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on agenda item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit)

4 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Presentation of draft resolution A/55/L.56 by the President of the General Assembly

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), L.28 (item 92 (b)), L38 (item 92 (c)) and L.35 (item 97)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)) and L.43, and programme budget implications in A/C.2/55/L.50

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), L.21* (item 95 (d)) and L.30 (item 95 (d))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1) and 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m.*	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127] (A/54/120, A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623, A/55/642, A/55/5/Add.12 and A/55/487)

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128] (A/52/784, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/55/622, A/55/643, A/55/5/Add.11 and A/55/487)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11

Afternoon*- 6 .30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 127 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/54/120, A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623, A/55/642, A/55/5/Add.12 and A/55/487)) and 128 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/784, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/55/622, A/55/643, A/55/5/Add.11 and A/55/487))

7 p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19, A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/22))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on agreement on the privileges and immunities of the Court

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on relationship agreement between the Court and the United Nations

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.33
2. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region a peace, freedom, democracy and development: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.42
3. Draft reports

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 7 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/55/L.43 (item 102) and A/C.2/55/L.50 (item 102), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 7 December 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding Second Committee matters; and briefing on financing for development)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Developme. *today*, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held *today*, 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Panel discussion

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, there will be a panel discussion on "The Culture of Peace and Human Rights", co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations and the International Health Awareness Network, *today*, 7 December 2000, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) will be held *today*, 7 December 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 8 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 83rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2000 (A/55/23 (Parts I-III))

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/55/303, A/55/497)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.58, A/55//23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8)

3. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/568) [82]

4. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/569) [83]

5. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/570) [84]

6. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/571) [85]

7. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/572) [86]

8. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/573) [87]

9. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/574) [88]

10. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/575) [89 and 18]

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/576) [90 and 12]

12. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/577) [91]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/578) [18]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/55/L.58, A/55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m. *	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/55/L.38 under item 20 (a) will be conducted on Friday, 8 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than *today*, 7 December 2000.

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The first meeting of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Tuesday, 12 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting will review the status of undergoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal consultations

The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development will hold informal consultations on preparations for the second session of the Group of Experts on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Open to all delegations and non-governmental organizations.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10.a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4242nd meeting

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In the absence of any objection, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, The Legal Counsel.

The Council began it consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, The Legal Counsel.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Argentina, Tunisia, China, Bangladesh, the Netherlands, Jamaica, Malaysia, Canada, the United States, Ukraine, France and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

4243rd meeting

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/38).

4244th meeting

The situation in East Timor

Report of the Security Council Mission to East Timor and Indonesia (S/2000/1105)

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/39).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

82nd plenary meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/652) [17 (a)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/652), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Andrzej Abraszewski, Mr. Manlan Narcisse Ahounou, Mr. Felipe Mabilangan, Mr. Besley Maycock and Mr. C.S.M. Mselle.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424/Add.1) [17 (b)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/424/Add.1), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Petru Dumitriu, Mr. Chinmaya Gharekhan, Mr. Ihor Humenny, Mr. Gebhard Benjamin Kandanga, Mr. David Leis and Mr. Kazuo Watanabe.

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/55/424/Add.1), also appointed Mr. Henry Fox as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 6 December 2000 and ending on 31 December 2001.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/653) [17 (c)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/653), appointed the Court of Audit of France as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2001.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/654) [17 (d)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/654), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Ahmad Abdullatif, Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo and Mr. J. Y. Pillay.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/655) [17 (e)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/655), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Omer Yousif Bireedo, Mr. Spyridon Flogaitis and Ms. Brigitte Stern.

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/656) [17 (g)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/656), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Ernest Rusita, Mr. El Hassane Zahid, Mr. Asda Jayanama, Mr. C. M. Shafi Sami and Mr. Alexei Fedotov.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1) [47]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 47.

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.2.

Members were informed that the sponsor of the amendments contained in document A/55/L.51 had withdrawn the amendments.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1 (resolution 55/120)

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt and Cuba.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 47.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: Second report of the Credentials Committee (A/55/537/Add.1) [3]

The General assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 10 of its second report (A/55/537/Add.1) (resolution 55/16 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Announcement

The President informed the General Assembly that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/13 of 3 November 2000, he had appointed H.E. Ambassador Penny Wensley, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations and H.E. Ambassador Ibra Deguène Ka, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations, as the two facilitators of the preparatory process of the special session on HIV/AIDS.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 28th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Acting Chairman drew attention to the report on the extraordinary session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/C.4/55/6) as well as the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/55/L.22.

The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report on the extraordinary session of the Special Committee and the draft resolution on the agenda item contained in documents A/C.4/55/6 and A/C.4/55/L.22, respectively.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.2 without a vote.

Organization of work

The Acting Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 and A/55/419)

On the proposal by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/3, namely chapters I to V, VII (sections A through C and E through H) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council and also took a decision on Chapter I, concerning the draft resolution 2000/5 entitled "Decade of Greater Mekong Subregion Development cooperation, 2000-2009". The Committee also took note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award (A/55/419).

Sectoral policy questions: business and development [93 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.32 and L.52

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52 which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 93 (b).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy [94 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4 and drew the attention of the Committee to revised draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1, which was submitted by the sponsors listed in the document.

A statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 94 (b).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) [94 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.12 and L.53

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.53, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.12.

The representative of China orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.53, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.53, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) [94 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.13 and L.54

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.13.

The Secretary read out a statement regarding the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The representative of China orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 94 (e).

Environment and sustainable development: World Solar Programme 1996-2005 [95 (f)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.31 and L.55

The Chairman of the Committee introduced, on behalf of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.55.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.55, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 95 (f).

Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [95 (g)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23 and draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48

The Chairman of the Committee introduced, on behalf of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48.

The Secretary read out a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft decision.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

In the light of the adoption of draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 95 (g).

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [99]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.18 and L.51

The Chairman of the Committee introduced, on behalf of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.51.

The representative of Tunisia made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.51, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.18 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the United States raised a procedural question to which the Chairman responded.

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Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The reports of the Secretary-General were before the Committee in documents A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/55/622.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/55/642 and A/55/643) and orally introduced the related reports regarding documents A/55/517/Add.1 and A/55/512/Add.1.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 6 p.m. the same day, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda items 127 and 128.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Liechtenstein), Norway, Rwanda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Mali (5 December 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Mali (5 December 2000)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Ratification: Nicaragua (5 December 2000)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Nicaragua (5 December 2000)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Nicaragua (5 December 2000)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Papua New Guinea (6 December 2000)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Kenya (30 November 2000)*

Ratification: Nicaragua (5 December 2000)*

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: Finland (6 December 2000)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY. 10017, (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day 2000

As part of the commemoration of Human Rights Day 2000, a special two-part event focusing on the theme "Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance" will take place *today*, 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Conference Room 1. From 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be a high-level, nine-city videoconference. Speakers will include Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Techeste Ahderom, Chair, NGO Committee on Human Rights; Jyoti Singh, Executive Coordinator, World Conference against Racism; and high-level representatives of the South African and Chilean Governments. From 12 noon to 1 p.m., there will be a panel discussion, also in Conference Room 1, "The Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000". Speakers will include H.E. Sr. Gabriel J. Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy to the Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York; and Malcolm Smart, Director of Programmes, Human Rights Watch (New York). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Human Rights Day is organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 7 December 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and owing to technical problems experienced during the first screening of the films "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds" on 29 November, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged for a second screening of the films, to be held on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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